

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly meeting, immediately following the work session, at the Edward Pope Conference Center. Mayor Ames Barnett presided.

Present were Mayor Barnett and council members Armour, Armour, Cullars, Mahoney and Scarborough. Council member Hill took his seat after he was sworn in. Also present were City Administrator Bailey, City Clerk Danner and City Attorney Fleming.

Visitors present are listed in the minutes of the work session held on November 11, 2019.

City Attorney Fleming opened the meeting in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES APPROVED: On motion by T. Armour, second by R. Armour, council approved 5 to 0 the minutes of previous meetings as presented.

SWEAR-IN – COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY HILL: Retired Judge Edward Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Council member elect Larry Hill. Hill was elected to fill the unexpired term of former council member Tutt, who resigned to run for Mayor in the recent municipal election. Hill's term of office will be November 11, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVED: On motion by Mahoney, second by Cullars, council approved 6 to 0 the meeting agenda as presented.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Barnett welcomed newly elected council member Hill.

Barnett asked council and elected official taking office in 2020 to get with the City Administrator to review the proposed budget for calendar year 2020.

Barnett reminded those present of the Candlelight shopping and Tree lighting on November 26, 2019.

CITY ATTORNEY UPDATES: City Attorney Fleming advised that during the recent election the Brunch Bill was approved by voters allowing for an earlier serving time on Sunday's. Fleming advised that his office would prepare an update to the Alcohol Ordinance, to be approved at the December meeting of Council, to reflect this time change.

TEMPORARY POURING LICENSES: City Clerk Danner presented to council two requests for Temporary Pouring licenses; the Chamber of Commerce for their annual banquet to be held on January 25, 2020, at the Pope Conference Center and the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association on February 8, 2020, at the Pope Conference Center. On motion by Cullars, second by Scarborough, council approved requests 6 to 0.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: City Administrator Bailey reported a request for the annual MLK, Jr. Parade on January 20, 2020. Street closing will be coordinated with the DOT. On motion by Mahoney, second by R. Armour, council approved request 6 to 0.

UTILITY WRITE OFFS: City Administrator Bailey advised that proposed utility account write offs will be delayed until the December meeting pending clarification from Penn Credit on the coding of accounts.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT EXTRA PATROLS: Mayor and Council discussed the billing from the county for the extra sheriff department patrols that were approved in April 2019 on an as needed basis. The hours

from the Sheriff’s Department was turned in to the county, but not billed until six months had gone by. There was discussion about crime being down in the target area, but some activity still on-going.

On motion by Cullars, second by Scarborough, council approved 5 to 1 to allow for extra Sheriff Patrols not to exceed \$975 weekly through February 15, 2020, allowing Sheriff Moore to decide on the timing of the extra patrols. Council member T. Armour voted against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Cullars, second by Mahoney, council approved 6 to 0 adjournment at 3:45 PM.

_____MAYOR